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Reply To : HPR-ID

Mr. Scott Stokes, Acting Director  
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment # 17

Dear Mr. Stokes:

This action is in follow up to your November 3, 2009 letter in which clarification was provided concerning the programming of the following two projects:

KN 07806, Brownings Corner to Downey IC SB, Ph 1 and  
KN 07840, Brownings Corner to Downey IC NB, Ph 2

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed clarification involves projects either previously identified in the TIP and STIP (and the associated Horizons Program) or qualify as "Grouped Projects" per 23 CFR 450.216(j) and, as such, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The affected projects are located outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
3. The affected projects will be funded with Idaho's ARRA funds including \$32 million in savings from projects previously let through this program. Therefore, it has been determined that Idaho's program remains fiscally constrained.
4. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment # 17 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by Brent Inghram for)

R. Scott Frey  
Transportation Engineer

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